

## *beautiful natural scenery*



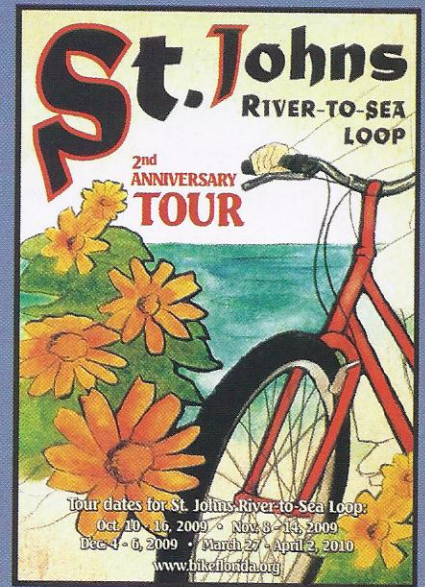
There were over 20 people on the trail the day my wife and I rode our bicycles. Bicyclists, people with dogs, families with strollers, and hikers were all enjoying various parts of the trail. There are picnic tables and benches available. Near Lake Monroe Park a section crossed over a swamp on a boardwalk. We really enjoyed this trail and thought it was a great experience.

Volusia County and groups such as Bike Florida are working with other counties to establish trail systems. These trails will link to other trails throughout Florida for a statewide network of paved trails accessible to all. Public access and use of trails is increasing in Florida. By 2014, Bike Florida expects a half-million trail users. This projected growth means some real possibilities for commercial ventures. Businesses that service bicycles and the people who will come to our area on them stand to profit. There will be opportunities for bicycle shops, stores and restaurants geared to health-conscious travelers.

The stretch of the trail through DeBary, Enterprise, Deltona, and Osteen could also lend itself to the establishment of innovative lodging for travelers who seek an alternative Florida experience. The time to be exploring these possibilities is now. If we build it, they will surely come.

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There are four Volusia County trails: the World's Most Famous Beach Trail, the Spring-to-Spring Trail, the North Peninsula Trail, and the Ponce Inlet Trail. These trails connect with other trails providing growing opportunities for bicycling tours. One of these links is the East Central Regional Rail-Trail. This connection to the Spring-to-Spring Trail will run from Enterprise through south Deltona to Edgewater and Titusville.



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